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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. As set out in paragraph 8 of document E/CN.5/2003/3, the Commission will be called upon at its current session to nominate four new members to the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to replace those referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the document for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2007.

2. Therefore, four new candidates with appropriate qualifications have been identified for nomination to membership of the Board. Biographical information is contained in the annex to the present note.

* The current document is being submitted after the deadline established for consideration by the Commission for Social Development due to extensive consultation process.

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Annex

Biographical information

Ms. Elizabeth Jelin

Personal data: Nationality — Argentina.

Date of birth: 1941.

Present position

Senior Researcher, CONICET (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas), University of Buenos Aires.

Education

PhD, Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 1968.

Experience

Academic Director, Program on "Collective Memories of Repression: Comparative Perspectives on Democratization Processes in Latin America's Southern Cone" sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, New York, 1998-2002.

Researcher, CEDES (Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad), 1975-1993.

Visiting researcher, CEDLA (Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos), Amsterdam, 1991.

Visiting researcher, Population Research Center, University of Texas, 1981.

Director, CEDES, 1978-1980.

Visiting Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford University; Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, 1977.

Post-doctoral fellow, Social Science Research Council, 1973-1975.

Research Associate, Centro Brasileiro de Analise e Planejamento, São Paolo, Brazil, 1971-1973.

Research Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, 1966-1968.

Teaching experience includes:

La Porte Visiting Fellow, Princeton University, United States of America, 2002.

Bacardi Eminent Scholar in Residence, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1998.

Professor, Instituto Universitario Patricios, 1994-1997.

Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 1989.

Tinker Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 1988.

Full Professor, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Schools of Psychology, Law and Social Sciences), 1984-1987, 1992.

Visiting Professor, General San Martín Chair, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1985.

Coordinator, Programa de formación de Jóvenes Investigadores, CEDES, 1982-1988.

Edward L. Tinker Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies, University of Texas, 1981.

Visiting Professor, Programa de Pós-graduacão, Departamento de Ciencia Política, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 1971-1973.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, City College, City University of New York, 1969-1971.

Visiting Professor, Facultad de Economía, Universidad de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico, 1964-1966.

Professional activities

Member of the Board of Directors, Social Science Research Council, New York, 1997.

Member of the Independent Scientific Committee in charge of the World Culture Report, UNESCO, 1996-2000.

Member of the World Commission on Culture and Development, UNESCO-United Nations. Co-responsible for *Our creative diversity. Report of the World Commission on Culture and Development*, Paris, UNESCO (editions in 26 languages), 1995, 1994-1995.

Member of the International Advisory Board, *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioural Sciences*.

Member of the Editorial Committee, *International Social Science Journal*.

Member of the Editorial Committee, *American Sociological Review*.

Member of the Problems and Policies Committee, Social Science Research Council, New York, 1993-1996.

Member of the Consultative Group on Sustainable Development, organized by SAREC, Sweden, and IDRC, Canada, 1993-1995.

Member, Board of Directors, International Institute of Labour Studies, ILO, Geneva, 1990-1992.

Member of the Joint Committee of Latin American Studies, Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies, 1988-1992.

Member of the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association, 1986-1990.

Ms. Yakin Ertürk

Personal data: Nationality — Turkey.

Date of birth: 1945.

Present position

Professor, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara since 1986.

Education

PhD in Development Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1980.

Experience

Chair, Gender and Women's Study Programme, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, March 2002-present.

Faculty Member (Professor), Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, September 1986 (leave between October 1997-February 2002).

Director, United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, 1999-2001.

Director, United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), Santo Domingo, 1997-1999.

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Hacettepe University, Ankara, 1983-1986.

Faculty Member (Asst. Prof.), Department of Sociology, University of King Saud, Riyad, 1979-1982. (Chairperson of Department of Sociology, Women's Centre, 1979-1981.)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Rural Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, 1974-1979.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Queens College, CUNY, New York, Spring 1972.

Social Planner, Ministry of Tourism, Government of Turkey, 1969-1970, 1972.

Professional activities

Member of the following Advisory Committees in Turkey:

1. Ministry of Work, Elimination of Child Labour (1996-97);
2. State Ministry Responsible for Women's Affairs and Social Services, Improving Women's Employment (1993-97);
3. UNESCO National Commission (1994-97);
4. Action Programme for the GAP Project, GAP Regional Development Administration (1994).

Member of the Special Expertise Commission on:

1. Rural Industry, State Planning Organization (1993);
2. Family Institution and Socio-Economic Change, Family Research Institute, State Ministry (1993).

Member of official delegations:

1. European Council-sponsored Intergovernmental Meeting on Women and Peace, Morocco (1993);
2. Member of Turkish Delegation, presented the Turkish report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1997);
3. Head of Turkish Delegation at the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Headquarters, New York (2001).

Ms. Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya

Personal data: Nationality — Russian Federation.

Date of birth: 1936.

Present position

Editor, *Pro et Contra*.

Education

PhD in History, Moscow University, 1963.

Experience

Lecturer, High Pedagogical Schools, Magadan, Kaliningrad, 1964-1966.

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Scientific Information and Social Sciences, 1966-1969.

Senior Research Fellow and Chief of Department, Institute of International Economic and Political Studies, Academy of Sciences (Bogomolov Institute), 1969-1978, 1987-1994.

Consultant Editor, *Problems of Peace and Socialism*, 1978-1987.

Chief, International Department, *Obschaya Gazeta*, 1993-1994.

Senior Editor and Political Analyst, *New Times*, 1994-1996.

Ms. Salma Sobhan

Personal data: Nationality — Bangladesh and United Kingdom.

Date of birth: 1937.

Present position

Human Rights Advocate, Ain O Salish Kendra (A.S.K.) since 1986.

Education

BA (Law Tripos) Cambridge University, 1958.

Called to the Bar — Lincoln's Inns, February 1959.

MA awarded Cambridge University, 1962.

Experience

Legal Assistant, M/S Surridge & Beecheno, Karachi, 1959-1961.

Senior Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Dhaka University, 1962-1981.

Lecturer in Law, College of Further Education, Oxford, 1971-1972.

Researcher and Editor Supreme Court Law Reports, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs, 1974-1984; 1981-1988.

Programme Head, Para-Legal Project, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), 1986-1989.

National Coordinator for a National Workshop on Legal Literacy sponsored by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, organized in 1989.

Founder member of Ain O Salish Kendra (A.S.K.), a legal resource centre providing legal aid and counselling to the deprived with special emphasis on women and working children, 1986-present.

Executive Director, Ain O Salish Kendra, 1990-2001.

Professional activities

Member of the Coe Group of the network Women Living under Muslim Laws.

Board member of:

1. Ain O Salish Kendra;
2. Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA);
3. Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAAST);
4. Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC);
5. Nijera Kori — a grass-roots non-governmental organization.

Member of the National Committee on Women and Development.

Overseas Member of MATCH International, a Canadian women's non-governmental organization funding women's programmes in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Ottawa.

Member of the Regional Council of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD), Thailand.